Setting up of a University in Barrack Valley in Assam

1082. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a university in Barrack Valley in Assam; and

(b) if so, what are the steps already taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir. The Government of Assam has decided to establish a State University in the Barrack Valley in Assam.

(b) Does not arise.

Improvement in navigability of Ganga

1083. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the navigability of Ganga has been considerably reduced due to the constant siltation; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps have been taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Presumably, the question refers to Calcutta Port. The navigability in the River Hooghly has declined due to siltation and inadequate upland discharge.

(b) A comprehensive scheme for improvement of draught in the navigational channels leading to the Port of Calcutta and Haldia was sanctioned in August, 1982 at an estimated cost of Rs. 40.50 crores and is under execution.

Barasat-Bongaon Project

1084. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have referred the Barasat Bongaon Doubling Project to the Planning Commission for reconsideration; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Adoption of Shipping Code

1085. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken decision to implement the Shipping Code laid down by UNCTAD;

(b) whether Government propose to enforce cargo reservation for the Indian shipping companies;

(c) whether Government have enforced containerisation;

(d) whether a Planning Group has been appointed for formulating a perspective plan for shipping; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?